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TO: [REDACTED] 25X1A8a

ATTENTION: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

FROM: [REDACTED] 25X1A8a

SUBJECT: Dissemination of Working Paper on "International
Communist Reaction to the 8 February Iraqi Coup"

REFERENCE: [REDACTED] 25X1A2g

1. Attached for publication and dissemination is a working paper prepared by our office entitled "International Communist Reaction to the 8 February Iraqi Coup". Please, prepare the formal "working paper" cover and CIA number for this study.

2. We will require 100 copies of this paper for use in the Clandestine Services. In addition to the standard distribution to DBI and the intelligence community, please, have 6 copies transmitted to State Department and 10 copies to USIA.

3. Information is provided below for inclusion in the letter of transmittal for this paper:

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This unclassified paper records the propaganda statements of Asian and European Communist Parties and the Communist fronts' responses to the Iraqi coup d'etat of 8 February 1963. A second aspect of the campaign treated is the use of related stories from the non-Communist press in replays by Communist as well as non-Communist organs. It demonstrates the international exploitation and coordination of Communist and Communist front propaganda media achieved in a very short span of time to pressure the Iraqi government to mitigate its repressive measures against Iraqi Communists and fellow travelers and, in the process, to discredit the new government in the eyes of the world. Though the study is believed to cover the greater part of world Communist and Communist front treatment of the subject during the period surveyed, it does not claim to be exhaustive.

LIMITATIONS

None. Additional copies may be obtained from Document

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